

Dear Sir or Maddam,

My name is Remi Zimnoch, I am a resident of Stratford, CT. I am writing you this email as I cannot personally attend the public hearings scheduled for tomorrow. I disagree with some of the proposed gun laws on the agenda for tomorrow. I am away in Europe right now, where the gun laws are some of the strictest in the world..yes their gun related homicides are very low, but it's also true that governments here and elsewhere in the world have turned on their citizens after disarming them. My father and his father lived in a communist occupied country where they had no way of defending themselves from tyrannic oppression of their government as well as from the outside threats. Had they had some form of right to bear arms, as we do in the United States, maybe there would've been fewer public beatings or fewer people would dissappear for no apparent reason. Guns are not the answer, but they help to balance the scales to some degree. Our founding fathers knew that, as do I and a lot of my friends. Please don't infringe on my rights to bear arms, my right to protect myself and my family against enemies both foreign or domestic.

I do want to add and propose stricter standards for obtaining a firearm. I recently took a pistol permit class. It was a complete joke. they had our certificates filled out prior to the completion of the class. There were some women there that couldn't cock the gun and load a bullet into the chamber..didn't know how to properly hold and secure the firearm..those are accidents waiting to happen. We need to lengthen the class to minimum of 3 days..where a complete breakdown of the gun is performed by the trainee..complete confidence of the trainee with the firearm at the shooting range. Also the exam should be more inclusive more detailed. In europe if someone wants to possess a gun they go through a complete psychological evaluation with a LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST! I would encourage you to pass stricter laws concerning new gun ownership, and not restrictions on guns we can possess. Criminals will never adhere to your proposed laws. Only gun obiding citizens will be punished by such laws. Individual state laws dont make any sense to me, when we live in a free country where anyone can freely pass through state borders and become a criminal in one state for possessing a firearm that is legal in neighboring state. We need unified gun laws affecting the whole county, more stringent psychological evaluations, more detailed classes with more , a lot more, hands on instructions.

In closing, I believe that the legislature has a duty to protect the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, the Constitution of the United States and the rights guaranteed to the citizens in those documents. The people of Connecticut deserve better than the "knee-jerk", reaction, that some of the proposed bills imply. I urge this committee and the legislature to act responsibly and carefully, in consideration of the rights of the citizens. To do any less would be a dis-service to the men and women who have fought and died for their country and state, it would be a dis-service to the peaceable citizens who reside here now, and it would be a dis-service to future generations who have yet to be heard.

Sincerely,

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Please Oppose

HB-5112

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS HOLDING HANDGUN PERMITS.

HB-5268

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE BY FIREARM OWNERS AND ESTABLISHING A SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

HB-5452

AN ACT REQUIRING GUN OWNERS TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE.

HB-5561

AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.

HB-5647

AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH CAPACITY FIREARMS.

HB-5654

AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSEHOLD ACCESS TO FIREARMS BY A PERSON WHO POSES A RISK OF IMMINENT PERSONAL INJURY TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS.

SB-1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM VIOLENCE.

SB-122

AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON GUN USE.

SB-124

AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES.

SB-140

AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR FIREARM OWNERS AND SALES TAX ON AMMUNITION.

SB-161

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE.

SB-377

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PISTOL PERMITS.

SB-501

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.

SB-504

AN ACT CONCERNING LARGE CAPACITY GUN MAGAZINES.

SB-505

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A RIFLE.

Please Support

HB-5165

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'S HOME, MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUSINESS.

HB-5176

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

HB-5179

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO THE INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM OF THE SPECIAL LICENSING AND FIREARMS UNIT OF THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE.

SB-277

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES REGARDING THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.